

EUROPARC Federation

**Memorandum of Understanding
with the United States National Parks Service North East Region**

EUROPARC Members' Questionnaire

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☒ Yes, we are interested in an exchange programme with a protected area in the United States (North East Region).

☐ No, we are not interested in an exchange programme with a protected area in the United States (North East Region).

Please state reason:

1. If yes, on which topics would you be interested in pursuing cooperation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> organisational development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ecotourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sustainability | <input type="checkbox"/> marketing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transboundary management | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> financing | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please state) _____ |

2. If yes, what type of exchange would you be interested in ?

- ☒ at staff level (professional development)
☐ at political level (Presidents, Board Members)
☐ other stakeholders (e.g. farmers, tourism businesses)

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3. If yes, please give a short description of the features of your park and main areas of current work:

Bialowieza National Park is placed on the border between Poland and Belarus, in the central part of Bialowieza Forest. This forest complex is situated in the transition between the boreal and temperate zone and represents the last remaining primary deciduous and mixed forest in the European lowland. Bialowieza National Park was founded as nature reserve in 1921, turned into 'National Park in Bialowieza' in 1932 and restored in 1947. It was designated as biosphere reserve in 1977. The core area is also designated as a transboundary World Heritage site and lies adjacent to the Belovezhskaya Pushcha Biosphere Reserve in Belarus. Since 1997 National Park/Biosphere Reserve holds European Diploma for Protected Areas.

Current work is carried on following fields:

- protection of forest ecosystems (in strict way – without any human impact and in active way with some actions);
- breeding and protection of the European Bison (in enclosure and in wild);
- development of sustainable tourism in the area (annual rate of visitors c.a. 100 000 people);
- environmental education with emphasis put on work with local communities;

Signed: Jozef Popiel

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Please return by 20 March 2003 to:

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